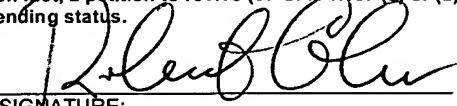


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER SONYJP 3.3-315
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/009304	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 23 July 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 107522444
PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 July 2002		
TITLE OF INVENTION INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Kensuke Ohnuma, Hitoshi Kimura, Shinichi Wakai, Keiichi Yoshioka, Shingo Utsuki, and Hidetoshi Ichioka		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.<input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.<input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) with PCT Request.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.<input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).<input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).<input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 (w/PTO-1449, 8 references).<input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.<input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.<input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.<input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.<input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.<input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of Face Page of International Application as Filed; Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report (Japanese); Copy of PCT Written Opinion (Japanese); Thirteen (13) sheets of Formal Drawings; Return postcard		

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee \$500.00			Applicant Use \$ 300.00 \$ 200.00 \$ 500.00 Office Use Only \$ 1,000.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)		RATE	
64 - 100 =	/50 =			x \$250.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	13 - 20 =		x	\$ 0.00	
Independent claims	8 - 3 =	5	x 200.00	\$ 1,000.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$ 2,000.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.					
SUBTOTAL = \$ 2,000.00					
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 2,000.00					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property					
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 2,000.00					
Amount to be refunded:  Amount to be charged: 					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>12-1095</u> in the amount of \$ <u>2,000.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>12-1095</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.437 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
 SIGNATURE: <u>Robert B. Cohen</u> NAME: _____					
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